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1. As a result of the speech on 10 May 1953 made by British Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, outlining British policy toward Egypt, the ex-Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Hajj Amin al-Husayni, has been the recipient of numerous telegrams from Palestinians in all the Arab states declaring their support of the Egyptian cause and volunteering their services in case of war with the British.
  2. The Mufti informed the Egyptian Government of the offer of the Palestinians and added that, should the Egyptian Government accept the offer, the first volunteers would be chosen from among experienced and loyal individuals who had participated in the Palestinian struggle. Circulars to this effect have been sent by the Grand Mufti to the branches of the Arab High Committee in all the Arab countries.
1. See CS-7872 in which the same source reported in March 1953 that the Egyptian Government had accepted the proposal of the ex-Mufti to form an armed regiment of Palestinians and that 500 volunteers had been chosen from among the Palestinian refugees at Gaza.

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